

On motion by Mr. Gantt, the said bill was amended by adding thereto, the following, as an additional section, viz.

"Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That so much of an act passed at December session 1827, chap. 163, as relates to John Norris, of Harford county, be and the same is hereby repealed."

The bill thus amended, was passed and sent to the senate for concurrence.

According to the order of the day, the house proceeded to consider the bill reported by Mr. Sutton, entitled, An act to abolish all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the time and manner of electing the senate, and the mode of filling up vacancies in that body, so that each county and the city of Baltimore may have a senator, to be elected immediately by the people.

And in the progress of the second reading thereof,

Mr. Phelps moved to amend the bill by inserting therein the following as the first section, viz.

"Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the state shall be divided into fifteen districts, six on the eastern, and nine on the western shore, to be laid off by commissioners, and that each of said districts shall be entitled to send one senator to the general assembly, to be elected by the people of said district."

And the question being put, Will the house agree to the amendment proposed?

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Hawkins moved to amend the third section of the bill, by striking out "five," in the second line of that section, and inserting in lieu thereof, "ten;" so as to prescribe, "that no person shall be a senator, who shall not have been ten years at least, a citizen of the United States."

And the question being put, Will the house agree to the amendment proposed?

It was determined in the negative.

The bill having been read throughout,

Mr. Eccleston moved,

That the bill be recommitted to the committee who reported it, with orders to report a bill, to elect twenty senators, one from each county, and one from the city of Baltimore, to be elected as they are now elected.

And the question being put, Will the house agree thereto?

It was decided in the negative.

The question was then put, Shall the said bill pass?

And it was resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays being required by seven members, were ordered and taken.